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LETTERS FROM REV. FRANCES CHURCH.

RUMBLE THUNDER.

Doctrinal Basis of the Alliance.—Rev. Mr. Bickerton.

Rev. Dr. Cox.

Much has been said to the discredit of our

Alliance, on account of its doctrinal basis.

We are stigmatized as creed-mongers, as the

fading schism; and much more of this kind

is said, all of which we expressly and formally

disavow in our documents. It is easier to

find fault than to make improvements, to

adopt some other basis. The question of

character, for instance, was such as one of

Dr. Carlisle, of Scotland, was introduced by

But insuperable obstacles to the

adoption presented themselves. It would

subject us to the necessity of using measures

which would make our body substantially dis-

ciplinary, and thus bring us into a position

to the parties concerned. For the Christian

mission, we must accept of candidates for ad-

mission, but that endorsement of the

on the part of those who are considered

evangelical, requires to be used with discre-

tion, because many of them retain in their

fellowship, and even in their ministry, per-

sons who could not so subscribe the things

which we deem essential to Christianity.

It seemed, therefore, to be the simplest and

least objectionable course, to sketch those

points which characterize the evangelical sys-

tem, and to receive none who could not sub-

scribe that system. But those who

are, not to define, and limit belief on the

do anything usually understood in creed-

world, but barely to stand in creed-

world, as possible, the several systems, as

the technical complexity of the system, the

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with the powers of darkness! May the Holy

Spirit descend upon us in rich effusion,

and send these truths home upon our hearts.

It was worth crossing the Atlantic, to meet

such a specimen of piety and benevolence as

such a complete absorption in the emotions

of piety and goodness, such zeal for the dis-

tinction of the Christian, and such a love to the

good will to all men, united to so much

force and energy, have never before

come under my observation. In person,

Mr. B. is somewhat spare, though tall, and

his form is well-proportioned and manly, his

hair with gray, his brows are jetting, shading

his eyes that beam with love and devotion,

his voice is deep and melodious, and his

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